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Please find transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Response After a Final Office Action. Also enclosed are courtesy copies of EP0898087, EP0747604 and FR2613001.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 18, 2007 (the three-month response date for which is March 18, 2008), reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.